

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for shaving hairs growing from skin, comprising:

a base portion having a grip;

a shaving head including

a first side portion slidably accommodating a first supporting plate, and

a second side portion slidably accommodating a second supporting plate, the

first and second supporting plates carrying there between at least one blade-shaped cutting member having at least one cutting edge;

a pivot axis wherein the base portion is pivotably coupled to the shaving head such that the shaving head may pivot ~~in a plane about the pivot axis which is~~ perpendicular to a length of the base portion ~~about the pivot axis relative to the base portion but may not pivot in a plane about an axis that is~~ parallel to the length of the base portion, wherein the length of the base portion extends further than a width of the base portion; and

an actuator coupled to the ~~cutting member through a coupling member~~ first and second supporting plates such that translates a rotating motion of the actuator translates into a periodical reciprocating motion of the slidably accommodated first and second supporting plates and the cutting member for effecting the a periodical reciprocating motion of the cutting member relative to the base portion by the actuator slidably guiding the first and second supporting plates relative to the first and second side portions, and wherein the periodical

reciprocating motion of the cutting member is also being a periodical reciprocating motion of the cutting member relative to the shaving head.

2. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shaving head comprises a skin contact member defining a skin contact surface, the pivot axis extending substantially parallel to the skin contact surface.

3. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the periodical reciprocating motion of the cutting member ~~motion~~ has a motion component which extends substantially parallel to a main cutting direction of the cutting member, the pivot axis extending substantially perpendicularly to the main cutting direction.

4. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the periodical reciprocating motion of the cutting member is a reciprocating motion in a direction substantially parallel to the main cutting direction.

5. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the cutting member comprises a single straight cutting edge, the pivot axis extending parallel to the cutting edge and, seen in the main cutting direction, being arranged in front of the cutting edge.

6. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device further comprises a pretensioning member which defines a skin contact pressure exerted by the cutting member on the skin during operation.

7. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pretensioning member comprises a mechanical spring mounted to the shaving head and to the base portion for exerting a pretensioning torque on the shaving head about the pivot axis.

8. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling member comprises a transmission system, and wherein the actuator is arranged in the base portion and effects the periodical reciprocating motion of the cutting member via the transmission system which is partially arranged in the base portion and partially arranged in the shaving head.

9. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shaving head is releasably mounted to the base portion.

10. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutting member is releasably mounted to the shaving head.

11. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base portion comprises a rotary motor having an output shaft driving a rotary transverse shaft through a gear system,

wherein said transverse shaft is supported in the shaving head and positioned parallel to the cutting edge, and wherein said transverse shaft is provided with an eccentric disc at each end of it, wherein each eccentric disc is supported in a bearing in a drive member, so that at least a part of said drive member makes a reciprocating motion in a main cutting direction of the cutting member, wherein the said parts of the drive member engage both ends of the cutting member, wherein the coupling member comprises said gear system, said transverse shaft, said eccentric disc and said drive member.

12. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base portion comprises a rotary motor having an output shaft driving two transverse members extending parallel to the cutting edge, so that the two transverse members make reciprocating motions parallel to the cutting edge in mutually opposite directions, wherein each transverse member connects said output shaft with the first end of a lever member extending substantially parallel to said output shaft, wherein both lever members are hingedly supported in the base portion so that the second ends of the lever members make opposite reciprocating motions parallel to the cutting edge, which ends engage means for driving the cutting member in a main cutting direction of the cutting member, said means being present in the shaving head, wherein the coupling member comprises said two transverse members and said both lever members.

13. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base portion comprises a rotary motor having an output shaft driving two hinging members, which members hinge in a plane through the axis of the output shaft and extend parallel to the cutting edge, wherein a

first part of each hinging member is driven by the output shaft in a reciprocating motion substantially in a direction perpendicular to the output shaft, and wherein a second part of the hinging member can make a reciprocating motion substantially parallel to the output shaft, and wherein each of said second parts is connected through drive means to the cutting member in order to drive the cutting member in a reciprocating motion in a main cutting direction of the cutting member, wherein the coupling member comprises said two hinging members.

14. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base portion comprises a rotary motor having an output shaft driving inner cables of ends of two Bowden cables extending parallel to the cutting edge, so that the inner cables make reciprocating longitudinal motions relative to the respective outer cables, wherein each inner cable connects said output shaft to drive means for driving the cutting member in a reciprocating motion in a main cutting direction of the cutting member, wherein the coupling member comprises said inner and outer cables.

15. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base portion comprises a rotary motor having an output shaft driving two transverse elements extending substantially parallel to the cutting edge, wherein the two transverse elements are substantially positioned in said pivot axis, wherein the rotary motion of the output shaft is converted into reciprocating motions in opposite directions of the two transverse elements, and wherein the ends of the transverse elements are connected with means for driving the cutting member in a main

cutting direction of the cutting member, wherein the coupling member comprises said output shaft and said two transverse elements.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the device further comprises a pretensioning member which defines a skin contact pressure exerted by the cutting member on the skin during operation.

18. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the pretensioning member comprises a mechanical spring mounted to the shaving head and to the base portion for exerting a pretensioning torque on the shaving head about the pivot axis.

19. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the coupling member comprises a transmission system, and wherein the actuator is arranged in the base portion and effects the periodical reciprocating motion of the cutting member via the transmission system which is partially arranged in the base portion and partially arranged in the shaving head.

20. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the shaving head is releasably mounted to the base portion.

21. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the cutting member is releasably mounted to the shaving head.